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[Despatch Abstract.]

May it please Your Excellency,

The Muslim Educational Association was founded in the year 1925 to solve the problem of Moplah education in this district, and by our humble efforts so far we have been able to conduct an Elementary school, an Adult Education class, a Library, a Free Reading Room and a poor fund for the free supply of books and clothing to poor and deserving students. The Association has been making rapid progress and our increased activities necessitated the acquisition of 66 cents of land last year under L.A.Act to extend our present school premises at a cost of nearly Rs.9,000/-. Though the Educational authorities will give us half the cost of the acquisition by way of grant, we pray that considering the utter poverty of the Moplahs of this district Your Excellency's Government may be pleased to sanction full grant towards the cost of the acquisition as well as towards the cost of buildings proposed to be raised on the said site

The problem of Moplah education, we beg to submit, has not received the attention which it deserves from the State. The number of graduates among them is very few in proportion to their strength. This is due to lack of facilities for higher education among them and the starting of a High School for Moplahs would be the first step towards this object. There is not a single High School for the Moplahs in the whole of this district. We have already made a beginning in this direction and our efforts deserve sympathy and encouragement at the hands of Your Excellency's Government.

Your Excellency,

The Members of the Muslim Educational Association and the South Kanara Muslim League.

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Note on the Memorial from the Muslim Educational Association and the South Kanara Muslim League.

Para 2 of the Memorial.

The land 24,073 Sq.ft. in extent was acquired at a cost of Rs.8,530-7-5. It was alienated under certain conditions in G.O.39 Misc.Rev.Dept., dated 7-1-1930.

Half the grant Rs.4257/- towards acquisition was sanctioned in G.O. 1525 Mis. Law (Education), dated 12-7-1929. No application for the opening of a Secondary School in the locality has been received by the District Educational Officer, according to whom the question of grants arises when permission is granted for the opening of a Secondary School and full grants for acquisition of land or for construction of school buildings are not allowed by the rules.

Para 3 of the Memorial.

According to the Census of 1921, the Moplah population in South Kanara is 30,562 (64,374 males and 66,188 females)

The District Educational Officer considers that if the Moplahs have not availed themselves like other communities of the facilities afforded by the three High Schools and two Colleges in the town, they have themselves to blame for it and not the State.

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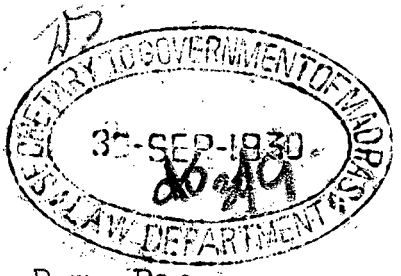

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

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29th September 1930.

Rama Rao,

During His Excellency's visit to South Kanara next month he will receive a deputation from the Muslim Educational Association of South Kanara. I enclose a copy of a memorandum which the deputation will present to His Excellency. Would you very kindly let me have a short note on the points raised in the memorandum so as to reach me not later than the 7th of October?

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Yours sincerely,

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M.R.Ry.Rai Bahadur U.Rama Rao Avl.,
Secretary to Government,
Law and Education Department,
Fort St. George.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MADRAS

MADRAS GOVERNOR'S CAMP,

30th September 1950.

Dear Mr.Rama Rao,

In continuation of my d.o. of yesterday I send herewith a copy of the Collector's notes on the points raised in the memorandum of the Muslim Educational Association of South Kanara.

Yours sincerely

M.R.Ry.Rai Bahadur U.Rama Rao Av
Secretary to Government,
Law & Education Department
Fort St.George.

Grant for the site and building for the Muhammadan school.

The Association requests that a grant of equal to the entire cost of the site acquired for the extension of the building for the Muhammadan school, Mangalore, and of the buildings to be erected thereon may be paid. A half grant towards the cost of the site has been already sanctioned. Ordinarily a grant equal to one-half of the cost of land and buildings may be paid. If the Association submits an application to Govt. through the D.E.O and the D.E.C with plans and estimates, the question whether any amount in excess of the usual half grant may be sanctioned may be considered on receipt of the application. As the amt exceeds Rs 2,500 the D.E.C cannot sanction the grant.

pening of a high school for Mappillas in S. Kanara Dt.

The request for the opening of a separate high chool for Mappillas in S. Kanara put forward by the uslim Edl. Assocn is not a new one. In the year 1927 he Mappillas of S. Kanara headed by Muhammad Schamnad ahib Bahr made a representation to Govt that a separat econdary school ma for Mappillas should be establishe t Kasargod. The D.P.I who was consulted pointed out hat the number of Mappilla boys reading in secondary chools was very small and that there was no case for he establishment of separate secondary schools for hese boys. The only ground on which separate schools were asked for by the community was that they required religious instruction and instruction in Arabic. The Director suggested that the community might arrange to employ an Arabic Munshi in the existing school so that he might give religious instruction besides teaching Arabic to mappilla boys. The Govt concurred in the views of the

Director.

The question of separate high schools for Mappillas was again raised in November 1928 when the Mappillas of Ernad and Walluvanad taluks submitted a memorial to Govt praying that a free high school might be opened for them at Malappuram. The question was also raised in connection with a budget motion in March 1929. The Govt again held the view that there was no necessity for separate high schools for Mappillas. In G.O.No: 949 Edn, dated 3-5-29, it was stated that the Govt were not in favour of the establishment of separate secondary schools for mappillas and that they considered that Mappilla pupils might seek admission in schools attended by other classes and that provision might be made in such schools for teaching Arabic and for imparting religious instruction to Mappillas. The Dt. Boards of S.Kanara and Malabar were also asked to consider the question of appointing Arabic teachers competent to impart instruction both in Arabic and in religion to Mappilla pupils in schools where such pupils attended in large numbers. In view of the policy laid down in the above G.O it does not appear that the present request can be entertained. If the Muslim Edl Assocn. is anxious that a separat school should be opened, it may arrange for the starting of such a school under private management.

2) The exceptionally high cost of the land
The rate is over Rs 15,000 an acre, & Rs
8500/- is a very large sum to pay for
land required for Extending an Elementary
School. For such a sum one would
Expect to buy the land & build & equip
a complete elementary School

Sq. direct as AHMR is in Bombay
-does not return until 6th A 5 4/10.

Returned with thanks with relevant
tracts from the proceedings of the deputation.

On Thursday the 16th October 1930 His Excellency the Governor of Madras received a deputation at Mangalore from the Muslim Educational Association and the Muslim League of South Kanara. The deputation was led by Khan Bahadur Muhammad Schamnad Sahib Bahadur and consisted of the following members.

M.Kunhammu Sahib Bahadur, Municipal Councillor and Taluk Board Member;

M.Mahamood Sahib Bahadur, Municipal Councillor;

B.L.Ahmed Sahib Bahadur, Taluk Board Member;

V.Moosabha Sahib Bahadur, Vakil; and

D.M.Jamaluddin Sahib Bahadur.

The deputation presented to His Excellency the enclosed memorial setting out their grievances. With reference to their request that the Govt. should sanction a full grant towards the cost of the acquisition of 66 cents of land required for the extension of the Muhammadan School at Mangalore and towards the cost of the buildings to be erected thereon the deputation stated that the Govt. had already sanctioned the usual half grant of Rs.4,250/- for the purpose and that they had to borrow money at a high rate of interest for the remainder as the majority of the Moplahs were poor. His Excellency pointed out that the cost of the land was exceedingly expensive and that the Govt. could not be expect to meet the entire cost of such an extravagant scheme and asked whether they could not select a less expensive site. He added that with the amount applied for they could buy land elsewhere, erect a new building and also equip the school. The deputation replied that the existing school for the extension of which the land was acquired adjoined a mosque and was situated in a Muhammadan locality in the business centre of the town, and that it would cause much inconvenience if the school was located in any other part of the town. The present building was found too small and the land was acquired with the object of converting it into a pucca building. The deputation appealed to His

xcellency that even if it was not possible for the Govt. to ake a full grant they might at least meet three-fourth of he entire cost or at any rate sanction something more than the grant now sanctioned. They also suggested that any unspent balance out of the discretionary grant given to the Collector might be utilised towards the school. His Excellency explained that though he quite appreciated their point of view he thought that from the Govt. point of view no special case justified any extravagance. He, however, informed the deputation that if they would send in an application to Government through the District Educational Officer and the District Educational Council with plans and estimates it would be examined by Govt. and they would see whether they could make any larger grant. His Excellency observed that it was out of the question to expect anything from the Collector's discretionary grant.

The deputation also pressed upon His Excellency the necessity for a high school for Muhammadans in South Kanara district. They stated that parents were unwilling to send their boys to schools in which no religious instruction was given and that if they had a school of their own boys could be given not only religious instruction but they could also be taught Arabic. The Himayathul Islamiah School at Calicut started some years ago was the only Moplah high school for the whole of the west coast where instruction was given free especially to poor boys and to which boys even from Mangalore had been going, but for want of funds the school had to be reduced to a secondary school up to third form only. His Excellency told the deputation that he did not see how the Govt. could start a separate high school for Moplahs in the present state of their finances and advised them to explore the possibility of sending their boys to the existing high schools if provision could be made in them for the teaching of Arabic and for religious instruction. The deputation agreed that that would be the next best solution of the question.

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